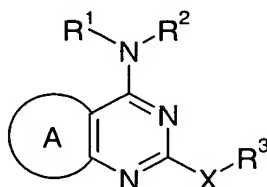


A B S T R A C T

There are disclosed novel compounds of formula (I)

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(I)

wherein A, R^1 , R^2 , R^3 and X are as defined in the specification, and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof, together with processes for their preparation, pharmaceutical compositions comprising them. The compounds of formula (I) are useful in the treatment or prophylaxis of neurodegenerative disorders, demyelinating disease, atherosclerosis and pain.

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